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Metro exclusive: Santa speaks

Despite a very hectic schedule crafting toys and checking who's been naughty or nice, Metro was able to snag a few moments of Santa Claus' time when he was gathering wish lists from kids of all ages at Macy's recently. We asked the busiest man of the holiday season about his gift-giving gig: Turns out that even in this economy, hard-working elves still receive pretty sweet bonuses. {page 16}

Occupy vows not to die, but to multiply

- Although tent city was dismantled this weekend, group holds court on Common to keep movement alive
- Indoor space sought, radio station launched {page 02}

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Patriots win marred by Brady fight

- Gronkowski sets record for TDs by a tight end {page 19}

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Occupy vows to keep the faith

- Movement shifting with more activity online
- Radio station forms
- Meeting planned for Occupy Allston
- Group searches for indoor space
- Original agenda remains: Rejecting a world created by the 1 percent

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ Occupiers were officially evicted from Dewey Square this weekend, but they say they have not given up hope.

As the landscapers yesterday poured new dirt and sod where tents once stood on Dewey Square, evicted Occupiers were meeting again just a short walk away in the Boston Common.

While their occupation of Dewey Square is over, it appears their efforts are not close to ending.

Occupiers spent the weekend trying to figure out where to go and how to proceed with their cause now that they can't return to the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

Occupy Boston Radio was launched online yesterday and Occupiers are planning their first general assembly for Occupy Allston on Thursday night. The neighborhood initiative is looking for an indoor space for the meeting.

Members of Occupy Boston said yesterday that they are also looking for indoor spaces, such as churches or union halls, to host future meetings.

While the exact plan for the future is being worked out, Occupiers shared their own thoughts about how the movement should proceed.

Jeff Nunes, 17, a former custodian who dropped out of high school, said there are talks to try and shut down a port or a bank.

"Actions that actually accomplish something. If we shut down a bank it would cost that bank millions a day," Nunes said.

Other Occupiers, like Midge, who did not want to give her last name, said she would like to see a "tent of dissent" set up in yards and in front of businesses throughout the city to show support for the movement.

Occupier Rachel Plattus said that while it was "heart wrenching" to see the camp gone, she is excited about working on the movement's future.

"We had hundreds of people at our last meeting. It's going to take some time to work out how we're going to move forward," Plattus said yesterday.

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Quoted

"Boston's Occupiers will persist in rejecting a world created by and for the 1 percent. We might have been evicted, but we shall not be moved. We remain invested in the future of our movement. We will continue to challenge Wall Street's occupation of our government."
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In the news

Gov. is back in town

Gov. Deval Patrick was scheduled to return to the Bay State yesterday after nine days in South America on a trade mission. For a few days during Patrick's leave, Lt. Gov Tim Murray was also out of state, which left Secretary of State William Galvin in charge.
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Four firefighters injured

BOSTON. Four firefighters were injured battling a two-alarm blaze that heavily damaged a Fenway apartment building.

The fire broke out about 8 p.m. Saturday at 25 Peterborough St.

Two firefighters suffered electrical shocks while another suffered chest pains and a fourth had shortness of breath.

The cause was an electrical short circuit on the first floor, the fire department said. Damage was estimated at $200,000. METRO

Suspect sought in JP shooting

BOSTON. Police were searching for the gunman who shot a man in Jamaica Plain yesterday afternoon.

The shooting occurred about 2:15 p.m. on South Street, police said.

The victim was taken to Brigham and Women's Hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

Anyone with information can call 800-494-TIPS. METRO

Alleged bank robber surrenders

HINGHAM. A 52-year-old man will be in court today after he turned himself in to police after he allegedly robbed a bank.

James Callahan of South Boston allegedly robbed the Hingham Institution for Savings with a gun Dec. 3. On Saturday, he turned himself in to police, according to WBZ-TV. He will be arraigned today. METRO

Cambridge murder victims ID'd

The victims of Friday night's murder-suicide in Cambridge were identified as an elderly mother and her two grown sons.

They were fatally shot in a Grove Street home owned by the suspected gunman John "Jack" Brosnahan. The 67-year-old was a retired Bedford police officer.

Although authorities have not officially released their names, the wife of one of the victims identified them, according to the Globe.

It was still not revealed yesterday what sparked the shooting. Authorities would only say that it was a domestic altercation.

The murders triggered a manhunt for Brosnahan.

About three hours after he fled the scene, his car was found near 1400 Soldiers Field Road in Brighton. The area is near the Henderson Boathouse, which is home to the Northeastern University crew teams.

Authorities said he shot himself and his body was found near the Charles River.

The victims

- Patrick Pizzuto, 63
- Robert Pizzuto, 62
- Mary Pizzuto, 91

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Holiday. Parade

▶ The North End Athletic Association put on the 41st annual event.

Here comes Santa Claus

Santa Claus arrived by helicopter in the North End as part of the neighborhood's annual Christmas parade. Santa was joined by some of his friends, horse-drawn wagons and fire trucks as he marched through the streets of the neighborhood yesterday afternoon.

Charitable Marine helps nab would-be burglar

BOSTON. Is there anything a Marine can't do?

A Marine loading charitable gifts into a Toys for Tots van helped nab an alleged car thief in the Financial District on Saturday night.

The car owners found a man sitting in the driver's seat of their car about 5 p.m. They yelled and he fled, but ran into the Marine.

When officers arrived they found the Marine, who was in his full dress blue uniform, restraining the man.

Albert Donizio, 48, of East Boston, was charged with breaking and entering a motor vehicle and possession of burglarious tools. METRO

TOYS FOR TOTS

Homeless census begins

BOSTON. Hundreds of volunteers will fan out across Boston tonight in an effort to get a better grasp on the city's homeless population.

The annual homeless census will begin at 9 p.m.

Volunteers will attempt to count the city's homeless residents living on streets, in shelters and transitional and treatment programs to compile an accurate representation of the population. METRO

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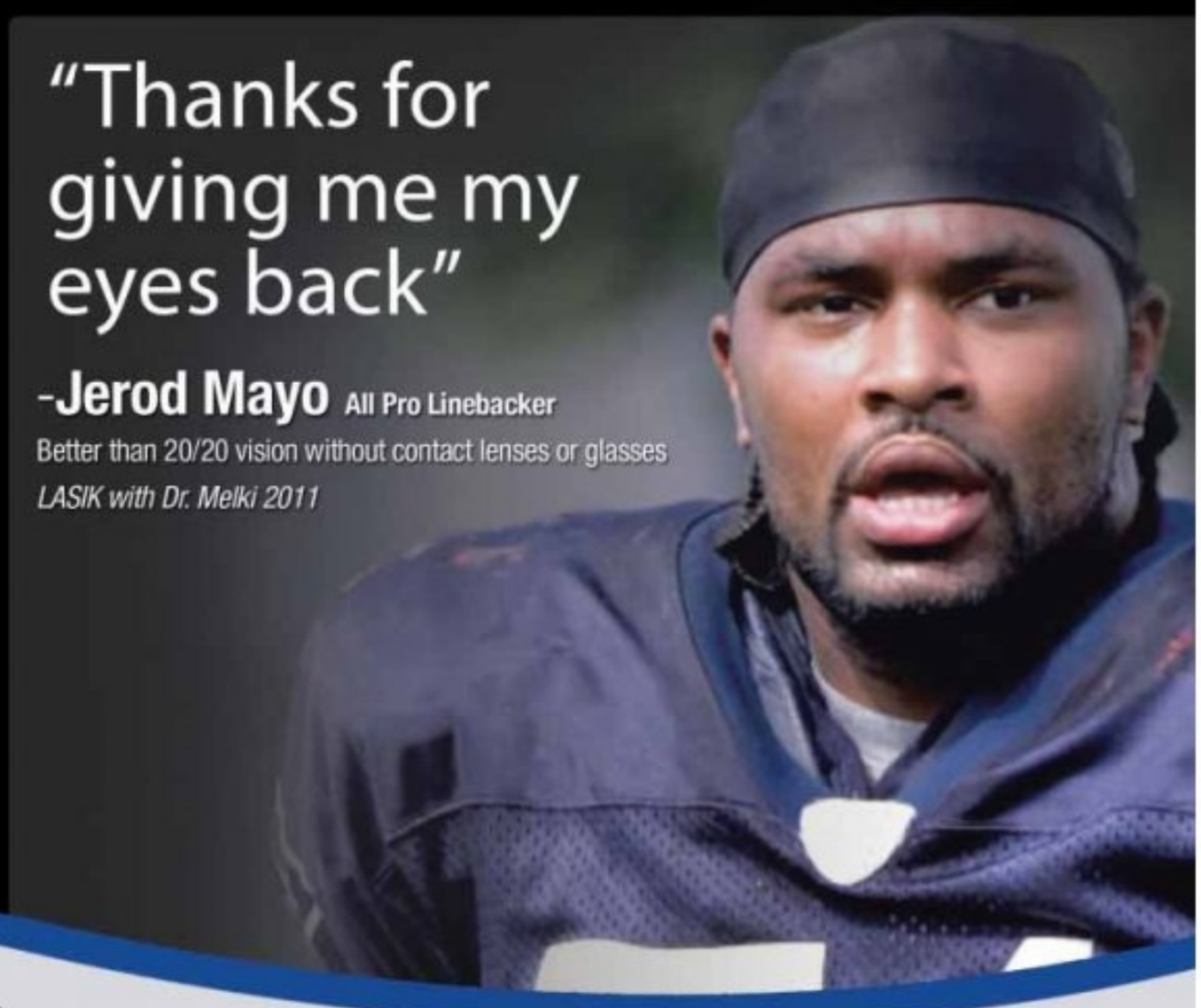

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Metro becomes the 'Most Magical Place on Earth'

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▶ Mickey took a break from his Disney on Ice show "Treasure Trove" to drop off donations to Metro Magic, which included 100 tickets to the show.

Metro's Congress Street office was transformed into the "Most Magical Place on Earth" last week when Disney's Mickey and Minnie Mouse stopped by to donate a treasure trove of toys for the Metro Magic holiday toy drive.

In Boston to prepare for 10 performances of the Disney on Ice "Treasure Trove" show being held at the TD Garden Dec. 26-29, Mickey and Minnie brought a treasure chest full of Disney toys for children involved in The Home for Little Wanderers' many programs.

In addition to a variety of Disney Princess dolls, Toy Story figurines and a host of other merchandise, Disney and the TD Garden are also donating 100 tickets to the show to both The Home for Little Wanderers and Toys for Tots.

"We are so pleased that through the generosity of Disney and TD Garden, hundreds of needy children from the Boston area will be given a chance to experience all of the magic and wonder that Disney on Ice has to offer this holiday season," Metro Boston City Editor Jill Gadsby said. "A big 'thank you' goes out to them and all of the people who have purchased a toy for Metro Magic thus far." METRO

Metro Magic toy drive

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▶ The Metro Magic donations keep pouring in.

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Crane 'carries' moon in illusion

SWITZERLAND. They're good at banking, cuckoo clocks and chocolates, and it looks like the Swiss are also handy at getting a hook onto the moon. In truth this is just an optical illusion, an amazing example of forced perspective photography. Amateur photographer Bruno Gerber took this shot from his friend's roof in Bern.

The 37-year-old corporate lawyer from near Zurich offers advice on a mind-boggling image: "Keep your eyes open, think ahead (e.g. where the moon or sun will go, how a shadow moves) and don't sit idle. But I'm not a fan of overly set-up, silly illusion shots with people." METRO WORLD NEWS

BRUNO GERBER/SOLENT NEWS

▶ In this photographic optical illusion shot in Switzerland, a construction crane appears to be holding the moon.

Quoted

"I waited seven minutes for the moon to rise and get 'hooked' onto the crane."
BRUNO GERBER, AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER

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And the nominees are ...

The list is headed by the co-founder of Apple, **Steve Jobs**, who died in October. Also making the shortlist are the **Occupy protestors** — or the 99 percent as they were alternatively labeled by the hundreds of readers who nominated them. The third nominee on the list is Congresswoman **Gabrielle Giffords**, who was shot in January by a lone gunman, and whose subsequent recovery proved an inspiration to millions.

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Gingrich fights off rivals in GOP debate

- Current frontrunner keeps his cool against attacks from Romney, Perry
- Mitt offers $10,000 bet that rival doesn't know what he's talking about

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▶ Republican presidential candidates participate in a GOP presidential debate at Drake University on Saturday.

Surging frontrunner Newt Gingrich fought off heavy attacks in a presidential debate in Iowa on Saturday from Republican rivals who portrayed him as a Washington insider and questioned his judgment.

Gingrich, described by some critics as rash and petulant, kept his cool as his Republican rivals criticized him for making up to $1.6 million from housing giant Freddie Mac, for saying Palestinians were an "invented" people and for his troubled marital past.

Mitt Romney, the former frontrunner and once the presumed nominee, contrasted his business experience with Gingrich's background in Washington.

"We don't need folks who are lifetime Washington people," Romney said, adding his time as head of a private equity firm helped him understand how to turn around the economy and made him more electable than a Washington politician like Gingrich.

Quoted

- **"Let's be candid. The only reason you didn't become a career politician is you lost to Teddy Kennedy (in Massachusetts Senate election) in 1994."**
  - Gingrich to Romney
- "I spent my life in the private sector. I understand how the economy works and I believe that for Americans to say goodbye to President Obama and elect a Republican, they need to have confidence that the person they're electing knows how to make this economy work again."
  - Romney on his differences with Gingrich
- **"You're for individual mandates. And you can get up and stand up and talk about, 'I'm against it now.' ... But the record is very clear, you and Newt were for individual mandates and that is the problem."**
  - Perry on Romney's health care reform in Mass.

It was the first debate since Gingrich roared past Romney to take a big lead in polls in the Republican battle to pick a 2012 challenger to President Barack Obama, and the other candidates were quick to attack.

U.S. Reps. Michele Bachmann and Ron Paul criticized Gingrich as a hypocrite who profited from his contacts and wound up taking taxpayer money when Freddie Mac was bailed out by the federal government. REUTERS

Romney's $10,000 bet falls flat

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney put his money where his mouth was on Saturday in a quip at a presidential debate that may have backfired.

Romney, a multi-millionaire, offered a $10,000 bet to opponent Texas Gov. Rick Perry over what Romney wrote about health care in his book "No Apologies." Romney's wealth has long been a point of attack by those who say he is out of touch with Americans. REUTERS

Chew this over: Gum ups grades

- Here's a quick, easy method to improve exam scores
- But just be sure to spit it out before taking the test

Break out the gum — it's finals time! If you find yourself in a pinch before an exam, chew on this: A study suggests that popping a stick of your favorite sticky stuff five minutes before taking a test could actually help improve your score.

About 80 undergrad students participated in the study. St. Lawrence University Assistant Professor of Psychology Serge Onyper found that gum-chewers did better on their tests than non-gum-chewers. Those who chewed experienced "mastication-induced arousal," leading to a boost in performance, but it only lasted for about the first 20 minutes of test-taking.

Prior research has shown that physical activity can boost the student performance, but this study shows that even mild activity can have a positive effect on the brain.

Just make sure you spit out the gum before you sit down for the test. The study also found that chewing gum could actually detract from performance due to "a sharing of resources by cognitive and masticatory processes."

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Va. Tech details sketchy

BLACKSBURG, VA. The man who shot dead a campus police officer at Virginia Tech on Thursday before killing himself was a student at a nearby university who had stolen an SUV at gunpoint the day before, officials said.

Virginia State Police on Friday identified the gunman as 22-year-old Ross Truett Ashley, a part-time student at Radford University in Radford, Va. Police said they have not been able to establish any connection between Ashley and his victim and still do not know why the part-time student walked up to the officer and shot him before turning the gun on himself. REUTERS

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Kelly Osbourne is not having a great day, Justin Bieber is hitting the ice, Elizabeth Banks is pleasantly surprised and Conan O'Brien is getting into the holiday spirit.

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i have the worlds worst head ache sitting in the dark all moody because of it!

▶ @justinbieber
A little #hockey with the fellas

▶ @ElizabethBanks
This public gas station rest room is two ticks better than exactly what you're expecting.

▶ @ConanOBrien
I took my kids to see the guy in the red suit today. That's right, the Spider-Man on Hollywood Boulevard.

Bieber

The perils of party-rocking

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▶ RedFoo of LMFAO performed at Z100's Jingle Ball on Friday night.

While **Demi Lovato** whizzed by the press line at Z100's Jingle Ball Friday night — an annual New York City concert featuring a number of Top 40 acts — we were happy to chat with **RedFoo** of **LMFAO**, who's partner **SkyBlu** was noticeably absent for the big show.

"SkyBlu hurt his back," Foo told Metro before the concert started. "He has some herniated discs. He's been performing for a while injured, because he's a true champion, but the doctor said, 'You gotta take a break.' That shuffle move we do, when he does it, I always tell him you need to bend [at the knee]. And then with the wiggle, you can't wiggle too hard, even if there's sexy ladies in the audience screaming at you — you gotta keep it confined. So we don't know exactly what has happened, but we think it's [a combination of] the shuffle, the wiggle and the ladies."

But SkyBlu's injury isn't holding the group back for the new year. On their to-do list for 2012? "Films," Foo says. "Taking the whole LMFAO party rock lifestyle and putting it on the big screen."

— With additional reporting by Meredith Engel

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Abigail's lips are sealed

Also on the carpet before Jingle Ball was "New Year's Eve" star **Abigail Breslin**, who looked all grown up in a Rag & Bone dress and smoky eye makeup. But the 15-year-old movie star and budding songstress (Jingle Ball was her first appearance as a singer in the band **C.A.B.B.**) tells us that going through puberty in the public eye hasn't been weird for her.

"When I come home, I do the same things all my friends do — clean my room, feed the dog. There are definitely pressures, but I think that keeping perspective is really important," Breslin tells Metro.

But that doesn't mean she doesn't have her cringe-worthy moments.

"2008 was just a really big fashion mistake," she says, "with the arm warmers, the neon and zebra-print Converse."

Breslin

And since Abigail's character in "New Year's Eve" is hoping to get her first kiss on the big night, we wanted to know what her first kiss was like — but she wouldn't spill.

"I'll keep the offscreen kisses offscreen," she tells us.

Talking points

Aniston wins for 'Sexiest' of all time

Men's Health has dubbed **Jennifer Aniston** the Sexiest Woman of All Time, but while she's flattered by their decision, Aniston insists the title would've gone to someone else if she had any say in it. "It's a tie between **Brigitte Bardot** and **Gloria Steinem**," she tells the magazine. "But if I had to choose one, I'd say Gloria because, well, she's the full package. That's sexy." **Raquel Welch**, **Marilyn Monroe**, **Britney Spears** and **Madonna** rounded out the top five.

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▶ Are there problems at William McKinley High School?

A not so 'Glee'-ful set

Tensions are reportedly running high on the set of "Glee" as the cast of the hit musical series is said to be at odds with boss **Ryan Murphy**, according to Us Weekly. "Things are really bad on set," a show source says. "The cast talks about how much they love Ryan, but they have grown to hate him." The main complaints have reportedly been about long working hours and low pay, but Murphy's behavior is a factor as well. "He has bad mood swings and can be really mean," a source says. "The cast bas been speaking about banding together against him, and **Lea [Michele]** is leading the charge." Michele's rep denies there's any tension.

Tori Amos gets spiritual and other pics from the weekend

1. Tori Amos performed at Massey Hall at Massey Hall on Thursday in Toronto.

2. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt attended the premiere of Jolie's new film "In the Land of Blood and Honey" on Thursday in Hollywood.

3. Actor Robert Downey, Jr. and director Guy Ritchie attended "Sherlock Holmes: Games Of Shadows" at Hassler Hotel on Sunday in Rome, Italy.

4. Fergie and Olivia Munn attended The Hollywood Foreign Press Association and InStyle's "A Night of Firsts" at Cecconi's Restaurant on Thursday in Los Angeles.

5. Charlize Theron attended the world premiere of "Young Adult" at the Ziegfeld Theatre on Thursday in New York City.

6. Oh, hey, remember Charlie Sheen? He spoke onstage at Spike TV's "2011 Video Game Awards" at Sony Studios on Saturday in Los Angeles.

7. Sarah Jessica Parker was spotted with her daughter Marion on Friday in New York City.

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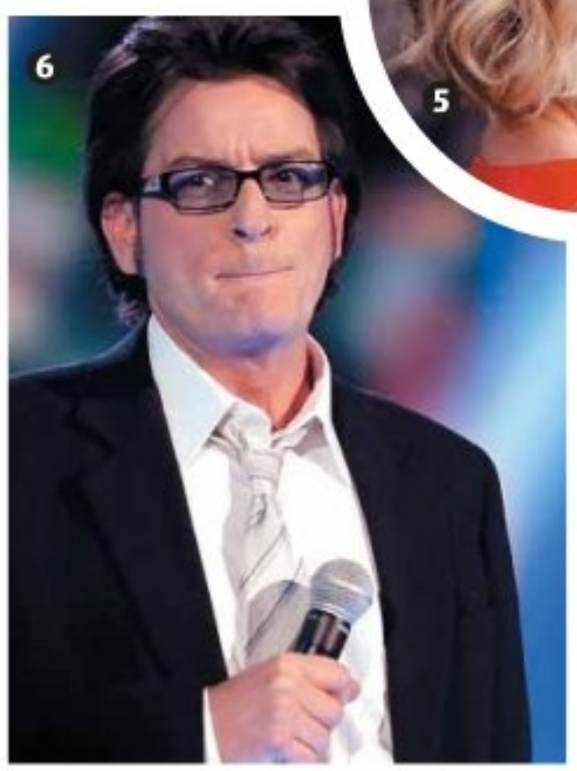

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Tackle your holiday stress

It's the most wonderful time of the year — but not for everyone If you're overwhelmed, you're not alone

You can start to feel better by knowing you are not alone. Test it out — go and poll 10 people about the holiday season. My guess is that at least five would express that it's all too much. Accept the notion that we live in a society that is driven by the dollar — and during the holiday season, this is all magnified by big-box retailers and the like. This materialism is not an expression of what the holidays truly represent, nor do extravagance and expensive gifts equal happiness. You have a choice: Participate in it or don't.

In light of your recent money woes, be creative and spare the craziness of the shopping malls. Cook a dinner for a friend, promise to do some yard work or housework for your parents, babysit a sibling's kid or simply spend time with a long-lost friend. The most memorable gift you can give someone is an experience, not a material item. People remember activities and experiences long after the fleeting excitement of a toy, article of clothing or other material gift.

As for the holiday parties, know that you actually have some control over what you participate in. Ask yourself: Do I have to attend every party? Are you saying yes because you feel pressured to do so? Don't feel compelled to accept every invitation. Get comfortable saying "no" to what you don't want to do and "yes" to the things you truly believe in. I guarantee you'll feel less resentful and much calmer during the holidays.

Finally, examine your negativity. Is there something positive you can glean from the season? By making small changes to how you think, you'll be able to make big changes in how you feel.

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The question

I'm finding myself really stressed out this holiday season. Due to work issues, I hardly have any money this year to buy gifts and attend parties. I feel embarrassed about it. I just want to close my eyes and wake up on Jan. 2. What can I do to feel better?

*— **Jonathan Alpert** is a licensed psychotherapist. Find him on Facebook and Twitter, and look for his new book, "BE FEARLESS: Change Your Life in 28 Days," this April.*

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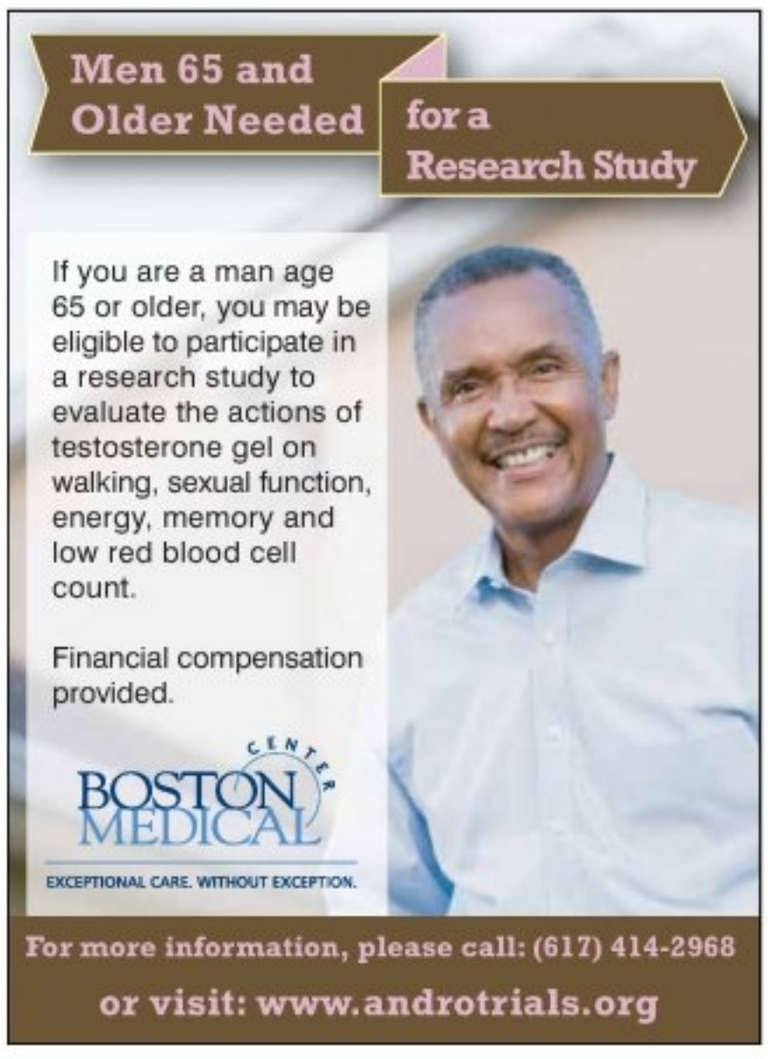
▶ All wrapped up in holiday stress? Lessen the pressure by declining some invitations and giving low-cost gifts, like a homemade meal.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Toys in the attic

With 'The Snow Queen,' the A.R.T. brings the fairy tale back to the place where it all began Think childhood forts made with blankets and chairs

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▶ "There are sheets, mattresses, sticks and chairs — everything you'd use to build forts as a kid," says "Snow Queen" director Allegra Libonati.

Unlike prime time fairy-tale-with-a-twist hits "Once Upon A Time" and "Grimm," American Repertory Theater's newest play, "The Snow Queen," is a throwback to simpler storytelling.

"We've designed the stage like an old Victorian attic where children come to hear this story every year," says director Allegra Libonati. "There are sheets, mattresses, sticks and chairs — everything you'd use to build forts as a kid."

The Hans Christian Andersen tale is about two best friends: Kai, who is kidnapped by an evil winter enchantress, and Gerda, the girl who embarks on an epic adventure to rescue him. There's a castle and a princess, flying reindeer and a devilish goblin. Many of the characters are puppets, made with cardboard and papier-mache.

Libonati says that the show is meant to empower kids through their imagination. The plot, though, is an allegory of growing up.

"What's amazing about fairy tales is that they really deal with the inner workings of personal development," the director explains. "They're deep with psychological issues."

As a society, there's no doubt that we're drawn to the classic stories, represented on TV, the big screen and modern literature.

"Why right now?" Libonati muses. "When things start to crumble on the practical scale, we look inward. On a dream level, fairy tales help us through the different trials of life."

Get there early!

Kids who arrive at the theater early can visit craft tables to make snowflakes and roses, which they can use later to help Gerda defeat the wicked Snow Queen.

'The Snow Queen'
Through Dec. 31
Loeb Drama Center
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Cold reality

The Snow Queen represents winter. Like the character, the season "can be exquisite and sparkling, but also dangerous and vengeful," says Libonati.

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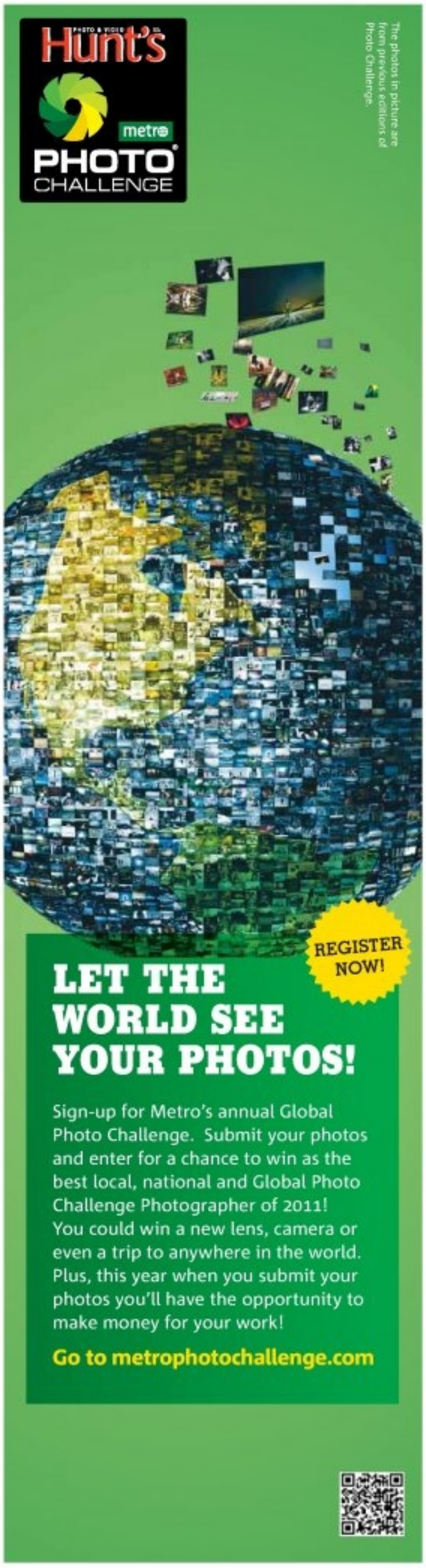
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Playing the party girl

Ari Graynor talks about 'getting into the ring' with Jonah Hill for 'The Sitter' What the most awkward day at work entails

If there's one girl who knows her way around the role of brash party girl, it's 28-year-old Bostonian Ari Graynor. As a severely inebriated best pal in "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" and more recently as a "friend with benefits" to Jonah Hill's character in "The Sitter," Graynor's got the formula for chemically enhanced flake down to a science. But this time around, with "Pineapple Express" director David Gordon Green at the helm and Hill carrying the film, Graynor got to improvise her way through what was already a solid script.

"When you're working with someone like Jonah, who is so talented and so smart and knows how to guide improvisations that work for a character and for the story, it's much easier to loosen up and play around," she says. "That's the luxury of working with such talented people — that you have a guide ... that you know it's going to be guided down the right path. There's an ease to it."

"That's always an interesting day at work — when you find yourself with a new friend's head between your legs and 100 people standing around."
GRAYNOR

One thing that was perhaps not so easy was the opening scene of the film, in which Hill's character is, ahem, servicing Graynor in a very personal way.

"So, that's always an interesting day at work — when you find yourself with a new friend's head between your legs and 100 people standing around. Like, really?" Graynor laughs. "This is what I'm doing? I have some friends that are becoming doctors or social workers. They're teaching kids in the Bronx and here I am with my legs spread, fake-orgasming, just trying to get through it without ruining the take. It's one way to make a living."

▶ These two have been close — incredibly close. "The Sitter" is in theaters now.

Graynor goes Broadway

Graynor is currently starring in the Broadway play "Relatively Speaking," which features three one-act plays. Alongside works by Ethan Coen and Elaine May is Woody Allen's play, "Honeymoon Motel," in which Graynor stars.

"Woody Allen would be doing Woody Allen to me and then I'd be doing it back to him and then I'd run on onstage," she says of her working relationship with the legendary director. "We'd have notes after every show in the theater. That in and of itself is worth its weight in gold. And, if I happen to find myself in one of his movies, then even better."

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TV watch list

'Fear Factor'

REALITY. What's old is gross again as "Fear Factor" and host Joe Rogan return from a six-year hiatus with bigger stunts and more disgusting bugs on the menu. **Season premiere, 8 p.m., NBC**

'Enlightened'

COMEDY. Amy convinces Levi to seek treatment, but if there's one thing we've learned this season, it's that this woman is still a work in progress herself — as seen when she defies Dougie at work and makes a presentation to Damon's group. **Season finale, 9:30 p.m., HBO**

MICHAEL WEAVER/NBC
▶ This challenge: "Cow Heart Transfer." Yep, "Fear Factor" is back.

'Battle of the Nutcrackers'

REALITY. No, this isn't a fastest walnut squasher competition. (Hey, if "Fear Factor" exists, why can't our idea?) This is an international ballet faceoff hosted by Nigel Lythgoe and Debbie Allen, with viewers' favorite rendition on the holiday classic revealed on Christmas Eve. **8 p.m., Ovation**

'Rollin' with Zach'

REALITY. Zach Anner, co-winner of Oprah's "Your OWN Show," hosts this new travel series, in which the 27-year-old with cerebral palsy travels the nation ticking Top 5 moments off his must-see list. **Series premiere, 8 p.m., OWN** AMBER RAY

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This French duo's sophomore album, 'Both Ways Open Jaws,' is destined for late entry year-end 'best of' lists, as well as early entry 'ones to watch' lists

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"Both Ways Open Jaws," the recently released album by The Dø, enters through a rare window in time where it will probably make a lot of music publications' "best of 2011" lists. Then when writers who don't put it on that list see that some of their peers have chosen it, the French duo's album will inevitably make their "ones to watch in 2012" lists.

"Both Ways" is worthy of both. It instantly feels classic and contemporary. And like the most exciting music, the album is rife with unexpected combinations that sometimes seem at opposite ends of the spectrum — it is celebratory and it is agitated; it is majestic and it is raw; it is artsy and it is poppy. Basically, it sounds the way you'd expect Lady Gaga to sound if you had only ever seen photos of her.

There are free jazz freakouts, stomping feet, woozy horns, marimbas and soft blankets of harmonies. What is most apparent is that Olivia Merilahti and Dan Levy are in love with sounds as well as songs.

"Usually, guitar is the first instrument I use for the songwriting," says Merilahti. "We think it's really important to have a song that also works with just guitar and vocals. ... But it usually gets eliminated by more interesting sounds and there's just no room anymore for that guitar."

This album is the second for The Dø. With their debut, "A Mouthful," they became the first English-speaking French act to top the charts in their homeland.

"I spoke Finnish and French when I started speaking," says Merilahti. "Then I just listened to so many different [English-speaking] singers and I really wanted to know what the songs were about, so I always read the booklets very carefully and wanted to learn the words I didn't know. That's how I built my vocabulary."

She says the first song she learned this way was Hole's "Violet," with its opening line of, "And the sky was made of amethyst." Merilahti makes similar poetic leaps with her words.

"I really have a certain distance with the lyrics and they're all so very intimate," she says. "It's very difficult for me to describe."

Upon further discussion, and being asked about the "Both Ways Open Jaws" title, Merilahti reveals more.

"It's about feeling in danger from all parts, and it's also like when you're in danger, you start to protect yourself, so it's also the beginning of aggressiveness," she says. "I'm scared of a lot of things, and I think I'm starting to struggle against that. ... Dan is a very brave guy. When you're exploring emotions and taking chances in the studio, it requires a lot of courage."

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Why dø they call themselves that?

The Dø pronounce their name like "dough" as in the first note of the solfège scale, as in do-re-mi-fa-so-la-ti-do. But what is that little slash through the o?

"We just wanted it to look like a note, like when you write music in music theory," says Merilahti. "It really looks like a musical symbol."

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Sounds kinda like

There are hints of influences all over "Both Ways Open Jaws," but instead of rattling them off as reference points, we gave Merilahti a chance to confirm or deny them.

Did you listen to Stereolab growing up?
No, not at all, and someone told me about them a couple of days ago. They said, "You should tour with Stereolab if they still played together," or something. Maybe Dan has, but I'm not sure.

Joanna Newsom?
Yeah, I love her so much.

How about Radiohead?
It's kind of a late reference for both of us. ... Dan didn't listen to many songs when he was younger. He was more into instrumental and 20th century classical music or jazz, and I was always like, "Oh everyone's listening to Radiohead," so I wouldn't. ... But it's kind of impossible to ignore.

What was the first band you two connected with?
Wu-Tang Clan. There was a lot of hip-hop. Eminem was also one of them. And Ella Fitzgerald!

Box office

Early 'New Year's Eve' wins weekend box office

An early "New Year's Eve" led the weekend box office charts as movie audiences turned to the holiday romance over new comedy "The Sitter."

"New Year's Eve," a romantic comedy with a star-packed ensemble cast, rung up $13.7 million in ticket sales at U.S. and Canadian theaters during the weekend, according to studio estimates compiled by Reuters yesterday.

Adult comedy "The Sitter," starring Jonah Hill as a reluctant babysitter, brought in $10 million and landed in second place. Third place belonged to vampire romance movie "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 1" with $7.9 million.

"New Year's Eve" was produced by New Line Cinema, a unit of Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros., the studio that distributed the film. News Corp's 20th Century Fox studio released "The Sitter." Privately held Summit Entertainment released "Breaking Dawn."

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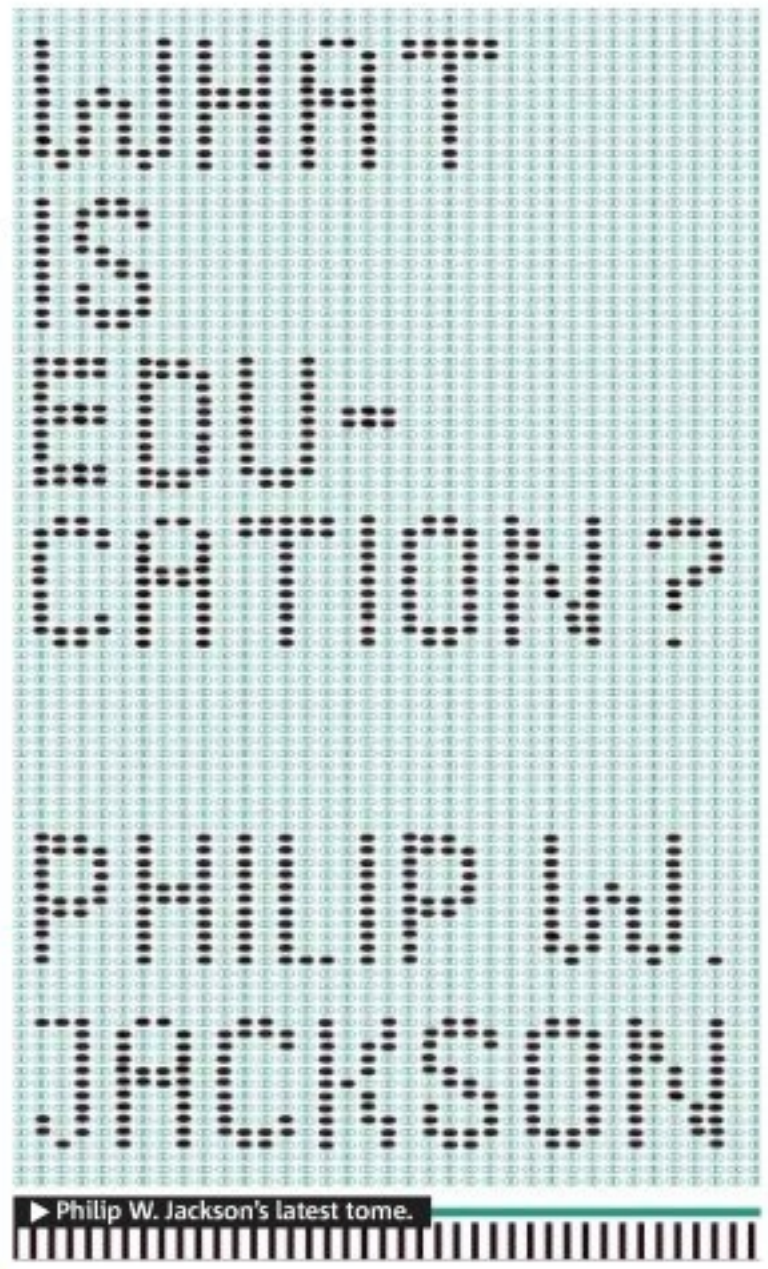
A complex answer to a simple question

The new book 'What Is Education?' takes a philosophical look at the classroom and the purpose of educating students



Philip W. Jackson's latest tome.

At 83, Philip W. Jackson has authored dozens of books on education philosophy, including the 1968 classic, "Life In Classrooms," still used by education majors around the globe. "What Is Education?" marks his return to the basic questions he pondered half a century ago, beginning with his initial fascination with seminal American education theorist, John Dewey.

How has your philosophy of education evolved since you first encountered John Dewey?

I read Dewey's 1938 ['What Is Education'] speech when I was training to become a teacher. It puzzled me because he was addressing professional educators, and he implored them to consider that basic question. I started to look at Dewey's early training as a philosopher. He was a Hegelian. So I tried to take Hegel seriously, and I eventually became more of a Hegelian than Dewey. That's what this book is about: my own adventure — amateurishly, I suppose — to become a philosopher.

We hear a lot about the United States falling behind other countries in education.

The comparisons that are made — which place us unfavorably, according to some, on the international yardstick — do so only in subjects that are very easily measurable. It's in those subjects that the other nations are beating us, as it were. We're worried about that. But we've been worried about that recurrently. I feel that's unfortunate. It's shortsighted. Are we really helping our students become more thoughtful, better civic citizens? Are we helping them to become wiser, rather than just full of information? Those are more interesting questions.

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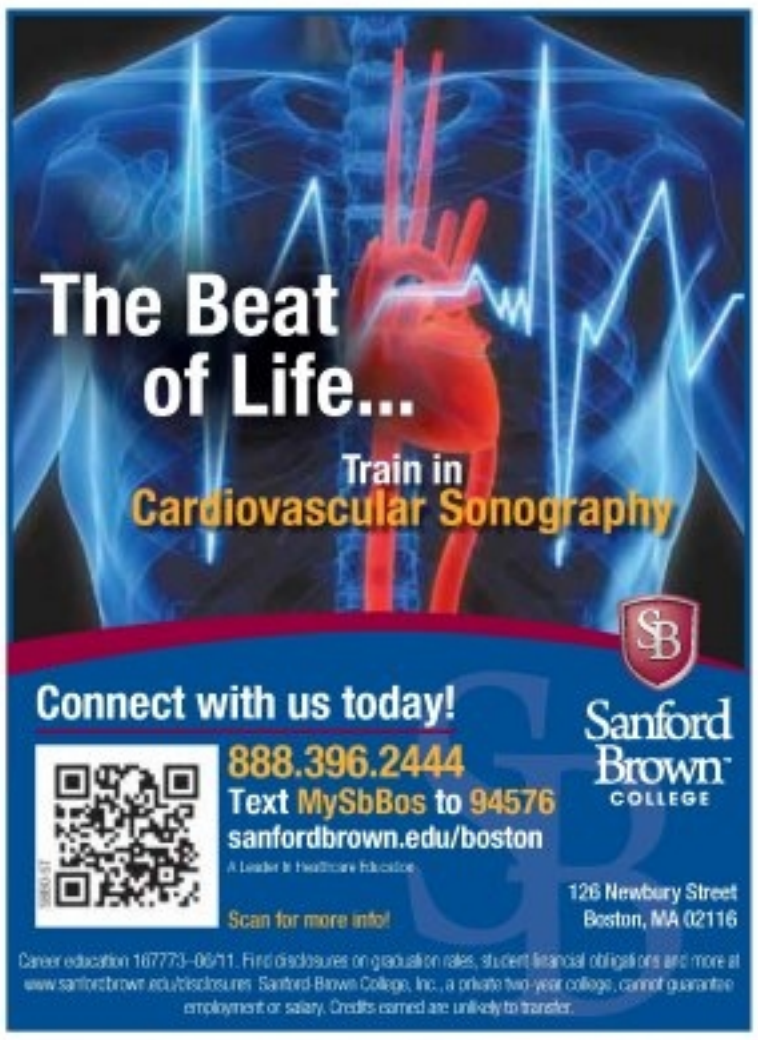
How Hegel changed him

I began to see that philosophy, religion, art and education are all more closely allied than we're used to treating them.

We're enamored in education with measurement. So, we tend to focus on those that are easiest to quantify, like science and math, while the arts get short shrift in policy-making.



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News in brief

Half of workers will shop online at work

Fifty percent of U.S. workers will do holiday shopping while on the clock, according to a survey by CareerBuilder. And it's not just for quick purchases: Thirty-four percent plan to spend an hour or more, while 16 percent admit that two or more hours was likely.

It's not strictly a holiday thing. Two-thirds report spending time conducting nonwork Web searches. But it's not without repercussions. Twenty-two percent of employers have fired someone for nonwork Internet usage, and 7 percent of HR managers report firing an employee over holiday shopping. METRO

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▶ The magic of a Macy's Santa: Edmund Gwenn starred as the aptly named Kris Kringle in "Miracle on 34th Street."

Employee of the Month: That would be ol' Santa Claus

We caught up with a Macy's Santa to talk job perks, the economy and elf bonuses
What the most popular toy this year is Remember, he tells us: 'Santa Claus loves you'

What's so great about your job, Santa Claus?
It all comes down to bringing joy to children of all ages at this special time of year. And free milk and cookies don't hurt either.

How are you managing in this economy?
The North Pole's economy is in a very different place than the rest of the world's. We've suffered before, but this recession will not sink the North Pole.

Are workaholics on the nice or naughty list?
It's a case-by-case basis. As long as you're happy with what you're doing, that's what really matters.

Cookie raise

Is there an end-of-year bonus for the elves?
Of course. The elves get the same bonus they get every year: an extra batch of cookies and milk.

What's the most asked-for present this year?
Kids are still asking for dolls, and there's been a resurgence of older toys. They also want iPads, both children and adults. Of course, many adults want better jobs as well as health and happiness.

Anything else you'd like to add?
Just that I wish everyone a Merry Christmas. And remember, Santa Claus loves you.

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What good communication really means

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▶ Actually having a dialogue with your co-workers is key.

Why it's worth it

"Companies are far more profitable when there's good communication," says Booher. "Employees are more productive and there's less turnover. Most of the time, people don't leave companies because they don't like the work — they leave because they don't like the culture."

It's a common workplace complaint in almost any industry: "There's no communication around here." But as much as it might be lamented in the cubicles, managers are frequently baffled by the gripe, says Dianna Booher, a productivity and communications consultant and author of more than 40 books, including the newly revised "Communicate with Confidence!"

"When I talk to CEOs, they're always puzzled. They say, 'How can people say that? We give out information all the time,'" says Booher. "I can sum it up in four words: Information is not communication."

That said, don't be that guy whining about the lack of communication. Instead, be proactive and raise the bar with these tips.

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Tell the whole truth

It's not enough to tell your co-workers that you'll hit the deadline. You also need to mention that in order to do so, you had to alter the project and rely on your strung-out intern to do sensitive research. "It has to be the entire, current truth," says Booher. "If you withhold bad news, people go to other sources."

Have discussions

Evaluate your conversations with your co-workers: Is there a back-and-forth and some healthy debate on occasion? "If you feel like everybody agrees with you, something's wrong," says Booher. "There's a one-way communication system there, and that's not what you want."

Care, or at least get good at pretending

"It's a cliche that people don't care what you say, they have to know you care about them when you say it — but it's true," says Booher.

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Why obscure dirty truths?

RE: "NO DISCOURSE IN DRUG WAR?": Common sense requires that at this time of economic hardship, people should keep their strong beliefs away and do their job or else hang on to their beliefs if they interfere with work. Obviously policemen are human beings, not robots who cannot take the barometric readings of their environment. When the Mexican president came here and made it clear that his country's drug problem would be greatly curtailed if American demand were cut down, that was a powerful message for everybody — our president, Congress and all of us, including law enforcement agencies. Playing ostrich with such an issue is most certainly not what the policemen need to do at this time.
JOHN DINGA, BROCKTON

Elementary schools, colleges and police academies are routinely teaching lies about what we are all mandated to call "marihuana" since Aug. 8, 1937. This upcoming year will herald the 75th anniversary of marihuana prohibition — and we'll have surpassed 23 million arrests for same, merely in America, where it all started.
MATTHEW STOVER, VIA E-MAIL

OWS may be on to something

I can to some extent have sympathy toward youths wasting their time to make their point. To make things better, we probably have to get rid of all our representatives and pick up better ones. Clean the house does not mean to destroy it — we need Wall Street and corporations, but they have to be more transparent.
ELENA BRIO, BROOKLINE

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Wake up and pay attention

I find it totally astounding that poor and middle class people continue to vote against their own economic self-interest. They have been bamboozled into voting for policies that benefit the elite.
CAROLYN CASEY, BOSTON

Obama is a wolf in wolf clothes

Obama's pledge to hold Wall Street accountable is hilarious. All he has to do is investigate and prosecute. He handed them the first bailout that G.W. Bush designed, appointed Geithner, Bernanke and Paulson. He's a neo-con in blue. Expecting help from Obama is self-delusion.
CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Take nothing for granted and probe deeply when assessing any business dealings. Things could be far more complicated than they appear.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Don't allow yourself to be unduly influenced by the advice and opinions of some flamboyant friends, especially if it causes you to ignore your own instinctual judgment.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Fatigue after a busy weekend could cause you to let your attention span and work habits slip somewhat. Remember, carelessness increases the chances of mishap.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't put yourself in a position where you have to gamble on the abilities and/or skills of another. If they can't live up to what's necessary, you'll go down with them.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It behooves you to get jobs you dislike out of the way first, while you have the energy to handle your disdain for doing them. They'll be 10 times harder to do when you're bushed.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** What you say and what you mean are likely to be two totally different things, especially if you're playing games.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It isn't likely to be a particular expenditure that throws your budget out of kilter; it's apt to be all the little, thoughtless purchases that cause a ruckus. Try to be more careful.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Unless you're just openly playing around with friends, sincerity is always essential when dealing with others. Shrewd ploys will be unmasked and could tarnish your reputation.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Forgo all small talk about things you know should be kept quiet, even when you think no one important is listening. There is always somebody who will squeal and make you look bad.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It's foolish to hang out with anyone who historically expects more from you than they're prepared to give back. Someone may take you for all you've got.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Feeling both ambitious and restless at the same time could be cause for concern, because that combination tends to make you spread your forces too thin. You could end up with nothing.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Get your facts straight and don't jump to conclusions based on juicy but faulty information. Assess developments in a logical, realistic manner.
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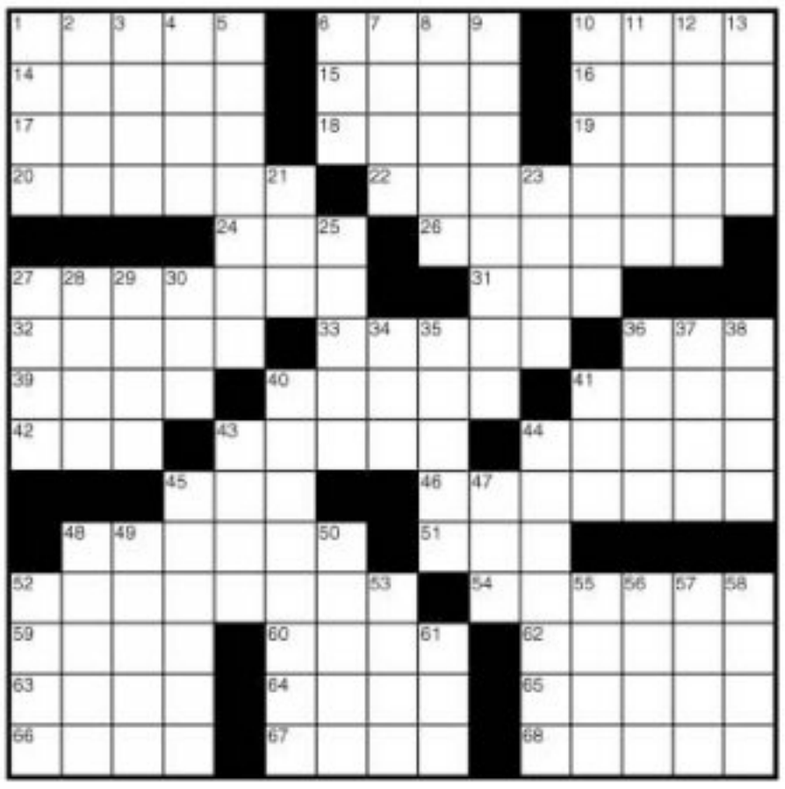

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Brady, O'Brien argue on sidelines

Rarely do you see a first-year offensive coordinator get into a heated argument with a star player, let alone a three-time Super Bowl champion and two-time NFL MVP.

But moments after Patriots quarterback Tom Brady threw an interception in the end zone with 6:30 left in the game, leading by one touchdown, offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien got into a heated exchange with his star signal-caller.

O'Brien and Brady had to be physically separated.

"I threw a pretty bad interception and he wasn't happy about it," Brady said after the game. "There are probably a long line of coaches and players that were pretty pissed at me after that, but Billy got to me first. He let me have it and I deserved it."

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▶ O'Brien

Head coach Bill Belichick, who was involved in separating the two, wouldn't comment on the incident after the game. His response to the media's question, "We're 10-3." MARK OSBORNE

By the 'Skin' of their teeth

● Patriots don't look particularly good, but win over Redskins anyway ● Gronkowski sets tight end record with two touchdowns ● Defense makes stop in red zone when it counts ● Mayo seals win with interception

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▶ Rob Gronkowski had two touchdown catches to set the all-time, single-season record for touchdown catches by a tight end.

What went right for the Pats ...

1 Gronk! — After another dominating performance (six catches, 160 yards, two TDs) by Rob Gronkowski, it's only a matter of time before Webster's makes "Gronk" an actual word in the dictionary. It would be a verb meaning, "to dominate in every facet of life."

2 Red-zone defense — As tough as it was to watch the Patriots defense on Sunday (they surrendered 463 yards of total offense), they continue to clamp down in the red zone. The Redskins made five trips to the red zone, but only scored two touchdowns. On the Skins' last drive of the game, Jerod Mayo intercepted a botched catch at the five-yard line intended for Santana Moss. Game over.

3 Got it done — It wasn't the blowout many expected it would be (guilty!), but the Patriots left D.C. with a win. They got outgained in total yards, rushing yards and had 12 minutes less in time of possession. But at the end of the day it's not how you do it, it's that it gets done. The Pats haven't been in many back-and-forth type games all season, so it was good to seem them prevail and clamp down in the end.

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PATRIOTS (10-3)

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REDSKINS (4-9)

What went wrong ...

1 No 'O' — For the second straight game, the Patriots offense put up a goose egg in the fourth quarter, relying on their sketchy defense to hold the lead. Threatening to score and put the game out of reach, Tom Brady was picked off in the end zone.

2 Yards everywhere — Three different Redskins wide receivers amassed 80 receiving yards, and three different receivers found the end zone. On top of that, rookie running back Roy Helu rushed for 126 yards on 27 carries. The Skins had 25 first downs, three more than the Patriots did.

3 Back problems — For the umpteenth time, the Patriots failed to establish a running game. Danny Woodhead led all Patriots rushers with 41 yards on eight carries. Ben-Jarvus Green-Ellis's up-and-down season continued as he ran for 19 yards on five carries. JIMMY TOSCANO

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Good day, bad day

New York Jets
The playoff picture is taking shape and those lucky Jets are at it again.

Gang Green blew out the hapless Chiefs at home, but the real break was a late touchdown by the Texans to beat the Bengals. Jets fans can thank North Carolina's T.J. Yates for the assist.

Bengals
And thanks to Yates and the Texans, the Bengals are now out of the playoffs.

Cincinnati dropped to 7-6 on the season, while the Jets moved to 8-5, meaning New York is the No. 6 seed in the playoffs if the season ended today. Of course, it doesn't, so don't cry yet Cincy.

Another Mile High miracle

Tebow guides Broncos to comeback win over Bears ◗ Team in firm control of AFC West ◗ Struggling Bears fumble in overtime ◗ Packers beat Raiders, improve to perfect 13-0

Miracles never cease in the Mile High city.

Not as long as Tim Tebow is under center.

The Broncos QB orchestrated another last-minute comeback, leading Denver to a 13-10 overtime win yesterday over Chicago. It was the Broncos' sixth straight win and improved Tebow's record to 7-1 as a starter.

Matt Prater's 51-yard field goal won it in overtime and the kicker's 59-yarder tied it with two seconds left in regulation. Tebow hit Demaryius Thomas on a 10-yard score that made it 10-7, then he marched Denver down the field on the game-tying drive. Broncos fans were chanting, "Tebow, Tebow, Tebow," in the closing minutes. Tebow has now led the team on five fourth-quarter comebacks since taking over for Kyle Orton.

68.3
Tebow's QB rating in yesterday's win. He finished 21-of-40 for 236 yards, with an interception and TD.

The Bears won the toss in OT and had a chance to win it, but Marion Barber fumbled at the Denver 34-yard line. Chicago (7-6) has now lost three straight games since losing quarterback Jay Cutler for the regular season. Denver (8-5) is in first place in the AFC West. METRO

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▶ Tebow and Jay Cutler share a moment after the Broncos' 13-10 win yesterday.

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- **Texans 20, Bengals 19**
- Lions 34, Vikings 28
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- Eagles 26, Dolphins 10
- **Jets 37, Chiefs 10**
- Saints 22, Titans 17
- **Patriots 34, Redskins 27**
- Cardinals 21, 49ers 19
- **Broncos 13, Bears 10 (OT)**
- Packers 46, Raiders 16
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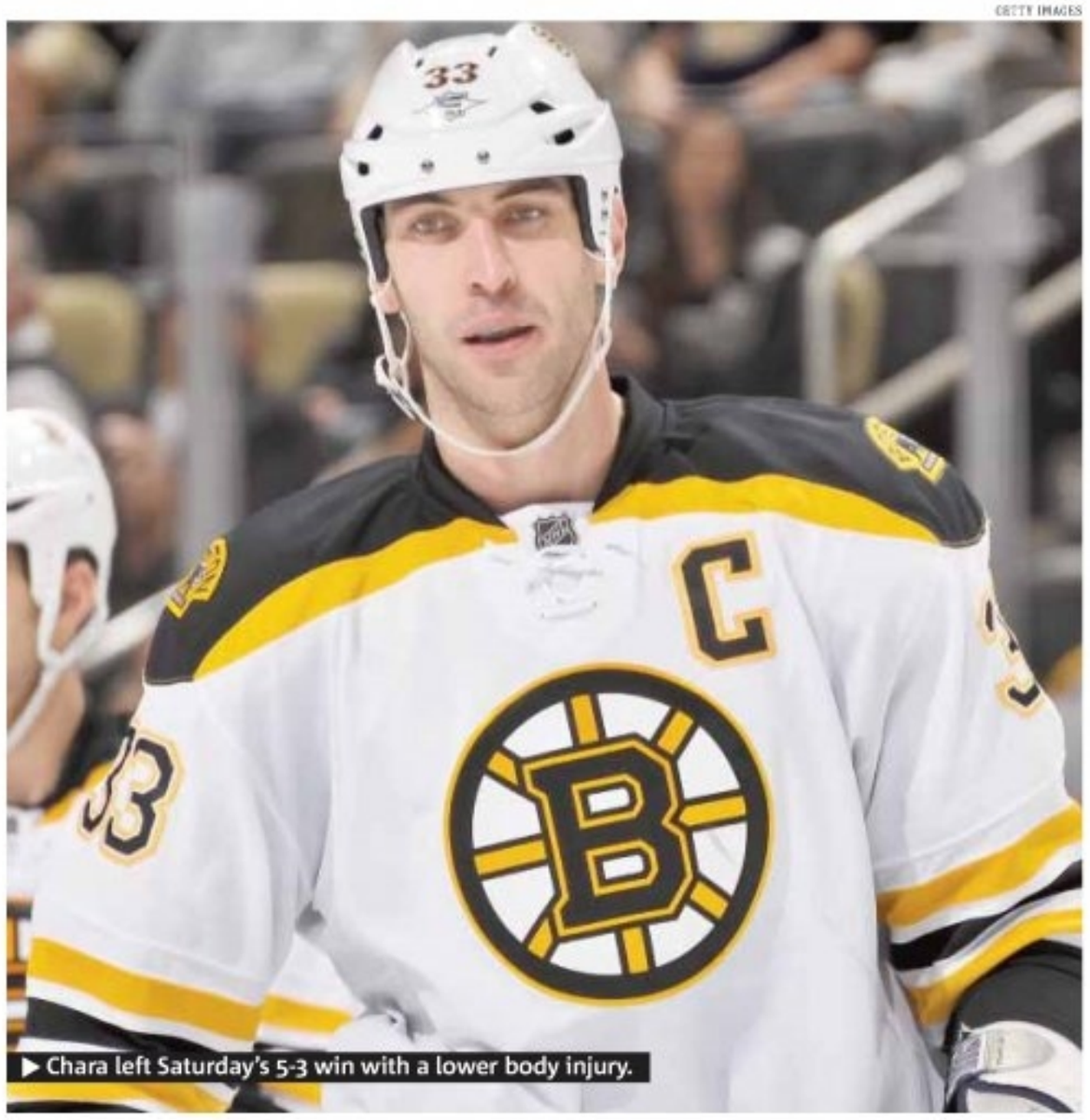

▶ Chara left Saturday's 5-3 win with a lower body injury.

Report: Chara out for three games with injured leg

Collision sidelines Bruins defenseman ◐ May return for Dec. 19 tilt vs. Montreal ◐ B's back home tomorrow

The Bruins have some big shoes to fill. Literally.

The club is expected to be without star defenseman Zdeno Chara for games this week against Los Angeles, Ottawa and Philadelphia, according to The Boston Globe. His return is targeted for Dec. 19 against Montreal.

"It's hard to comment on that until I know the severity," B's coach Claude Julien said after Saturday's 5-3 win. "Throughout the season, you're going to have some injuries, and you're going to have to live with them ... no matter what happens."

Chara injured his leg late in the second period, after he collided with Columbus forward Antione Vermette. The 6-foot-9 defenseman opened the period with a goal that gave the Bruins a 3-2 lead. He logged a total of 13 minutes, 27 seconds in the game.

Even without Chara in the lineup, the Bruins were able to rally for a come-from-behind victory. Julien praised his team's effort and attitude.

"Tied 3-3, and without him, we won it, so you've got to credit the team for that effort," said Julien. "Five games in eight nights, and our group is a little tired."

The Bruins reside in first place in the Northeast Division, with 37 points, and hold the third-best mark in the Eastern Conference, behind Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. ● METRO

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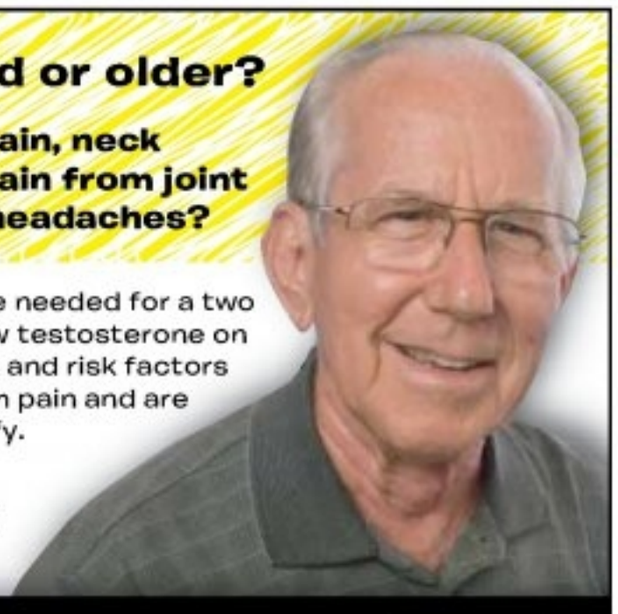

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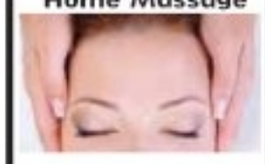

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